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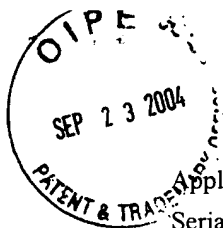
Dear Sir:

Applicants provide the following Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed on July 13, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



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